

NARCOTIC DRUGS

*Exchange of notes at Berlin December 24, 1927, and February 14, 1928
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1955, and March 7, 1956¹*

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The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

No. 1813

The Embassy of the United States of America has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' Note Verbale No. III R 847 of October 10, 1927, expressing the willingness of the German Government to arrange for the direct exchange of routine information between the officers charged with the control of the traffic in narcotic drugs in the United States and Germany respectively.

In view of the foregoing the Embassy has been instructed by its Government to arrange for the direct exchange of information on the basis of Colonel Woods' conversations, as follows:

1. The direct exchange between the United States Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Germany of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, fingerprints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.
2. The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. It is pointed out that unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily, it is useless.
3. Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The Embassy has the honor further to inform the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that the officer of the United States Treasury Department who

¹ 7 UST 371; TIAS 3514.

would have charge on behalf of the American Government of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt whose mail and telegraph address is: Deputy Commissioner in charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

The Embassy has been instructed, should the proposed arrangement meet with the approval of the German Government, to inform its Government by telegraph, giving the name of the German official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate. The Embassy would therefore be pleased to learn as soon as possible whether the arrangement outlined above is acceptable, and in the affirmative case to be apprised of the name and address of the German official in question.

BERLIN, *December 24, 1927*

To the
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Berlin.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

[TRANSLATION]

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NOTE VERBALE

The Foreign Office has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America, with reference to its Note Verbale No. 1813 of December 24, 1927, and supplementing the former's Note Verbale No. III R 1153/27 of January 7, 1928, that the German Government concurs with the regulation proposed by the American Government having as its object a direct exchange of information and evidence regarding the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs between the German and American official departments charged with the control of such traffic. This regulation would embrace:

1) The direct exchange between the American Treasury Department and the Reich Health Office of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include: Photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods employed by the persons in question, and of the places from which they have operated and of the partners they have worked with.

2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of persons involved in smuggling drugs if such movements might concern the other country.

3) Mutual cooperation in investigations and examinations.

The official of the Reich Health Office in charge of these matters is Oberregierungsrat Prof. Dr. Anselmino, a member of the Reichsgesundheitsamt (Reich Health Office). For communications to him concerning the above mentioned regulation the mail and cable address is: "Reichsgesundheitsamt, Berlin NW 87."

BERLIN, *February 14, 1928*